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YAR TO PARTICIPATE IN ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE

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[Text] The SABA' NEWS AGENCY has learned from a responsible source in the Foreign Ministry that the YAR will participate in the conference of the Islamic states foreign ministers, which will be held in Islamabad, Pakistan on 26 January.

PLO ASK ARABS TO REJECT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI NORMALIZATION

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[22 January PLO Executive Committee statement on Egyptian-Israeli normalization of relations]

[Excerpts] On the occasion of the normalization of relations between the Egyptian agent regime and the Zionist racist entity, the PLO calls on the Egyptian people, the Arab nation and the Palestinian people to stand up firmly against capitulation and resist it.

As known, the first step of the Egyptian-Israeli normalization of relations will be taken on 26 January by establishing an official border checkpoint, by lifting the Egyptian boycott of Israeli goods, and by opening all kinds of communications between Arab Egypt and the Zionist entity. These procedures come within the fake peace process, which the Camp David agreements are trying to impose on the Arab people of Egypt, by exchanging embassies between Cairo and Tel Aviv. These steps will be followed by other steps toward full capitulation inherent in the ultimate and full normalization.

The 26th of January is a day of anger and national resistance in the face of capitulation. Therefore, the PLO Executive Committee calls on the Arab masses--from the ocean to the Gulf--and on our Palestinian masses inside and outside the occupied lands to express their anger, indignation and denunciation of this national treason by various means--including the declaration of a strike on this day of ill omens.

FEDAYEEN GROUP CLAIMS CREDIT FOR PARIS SHOOTING

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[Text] Kuwait, 20 January--Four Kuwaiti papers--AS-SIYASAH, its sister paper the ARAB TIMES, AL-WATAN and AL-QABAS--today report that a splinter fedayeen organization has declared its responsibility for the assassination of a Lebanese youth working with the Palestine resistance in Paris.

The papers say that a spokesman for the splinter group, led by Sabri al-Banna, who split with the Fatah organization a few years ago, has phoned them to tell them that his group was responsible for the assassination of George Yusuf Mubarak because he had "betrayed" it.

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AS-SIYASAH and the ARAB TIMES say that Mubarak was assassinated for a number of reasons. These include his "betrayal of the organization, his conveyance of some information about it to Salah Khalaf, the second strongman in Fatah and his refusal to part with funds and arms which belong to the splinter organization."

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The two papers also say that the spokesman said he was phoning from Beirut, whereas neither AL-QABAS nor AL-WATAN report where the spokesman phoned from.

It is recalled that a statement was issued in Beirut by the PLO last night accusing "agents of Israel of assassinating Mubarak and saying that the incident will not pass unpunished."

The statement also added that Mubarak "was assassinated by Israeli intelligence in cooperation with its agents in Paris as he was performing his duties in the service of the Palestine cause."

It is worth noting that there is a discrepancy between the name of the youth the splinter group claimed to have assassinated and that reported by news agencies. It was Yusuf Mubarak.

PLO DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ALGIERS FOR TALKS 22 JAN

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[Text] A Palestinian delegation, including 'Abd al-Muhsin Abu Mayzar, member of the PLO Executive Committee and official spokesman; and Abu al-Adib, member of the Central Committee of the Fatah movement, arrived this afternoon at Houari Boumedienne International Airport. The delegation was welcomed at the airport by Faytuni, the party official in charge of the liberation movements and Abu Hassan, PLO representative in Algiers.

At the VIP lounge in the airport, Abu Mayzar made a statement in which he explained that the visit is in accordance with the decision of the PLO leadership to move at Arab and international levels to discuss the situation in the Arab area and the latest developments in the Palestine issue in light of the serious challenges to which our nation is exposed at this time.

Abu Mayzar added: I am carrying a message from Yasir 'Arafat, PLO Executive Committee chairman, to His Excellency President Chadli Bendjedid, president of the republic and secretary general of the party. Abu Mayzar said in conclusion: The talks we will hold with the Algerian officials will deal with all pan-Arab issues.

'ARAFAT RECEIVES MESSAGE FROM SOVIET LEADERS

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[Text] Yesterday brother Abu 'Ammar received an important message from the Soviet leaders concerning the latest international and domestic developments. The message was handed to Abu 'Ammar by the Soviet ambassador in Beirut, Comrade Aleksandr Soldatov, during a meeting with Mr 'Arafat during which international subjects and bilateral relations were discussed.